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HARBOR BILL PASSED

Becomes a Law Over Cleveland's Veto.

PRESIDENT'S POWER DISCUSSED

He is Charged With Overriding the Law—Utter Disregard for His Oath of Office.

WASHINGTON, June 3.—The Senate today passed the river and harbor bill over the President's veto by a vote of 50 to 5. This was the last step in making the bill effective, it is now a law. The vote was taken after three hours of spirited debate, during which the President was criticized and defended, the remarks at times being directly and bitterly personal. The opposition to the veto was expressed by senators Vest, Sherman, Pettigrew, Hawley and Butler, while the veto was defended by Senators Vilas, Hill and Bates.

Mr. Sherman said he would vote to pass the bill over the veto, because the improvement of the waterways of the country was one of the most important branches of national development, and one in which other great nations were showing even greater advance than the United States. Moreover, the legislative branch was given the exclusive right to appropriate money.

"It is time to curb this daily exercise of the veto power," declared Mr. Sherman. "It is not extreme power and a dangerous one unless used only in the most extreme cases involving constitutional questions. But this wise restriction is not aside, and we have a veto every week or so, every day or so."

Mr. Smith, Democrat of New Jersey, said this discussion of the veto power was not new. As a result of personal inquiry at the engineer department, he was able to state that this bill contained appropriations of \$10,000,000 for projects which had not been approved by the government engineers, and \$1,500,000 for projects which the engineers had reported as unworthy.

Mr. Vilas said the bill contained important appropriations for his state, but he could not bring himself to the conviction that this great burden should be added to the distressed shoulders of the people of the country. He regarded the criticism of the veto by Mr. Vest as a personal attack on the subsequent legislation. The appropriations of the congress would exceed \$500,000,000 in reaching the river and harbor bill. Congress had come to dealing with vast sums as lightly as would some oriental prince who had no comprehension of values. The appropriations of the present congress would outstrip those of the congress which became famous as the "million-dollar congress." Where was the money coming from? asked Mr. Vilas. Was it coming from more taxation?

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DUNHAM SOUTHBOUND

THE MURDERER HEADED FOR CANTUA CANYON.

Officers Will Attempt to Head Him Off in Little Panache Valley.

HOLLISTER, June 3.—That Dunham, the murderer, is in the Coast Range and rapidly making his way south was conclusively proven by the officers finding his camping place of Saturday night, yesterday, some fifteen miles south of the Mountain House, which is situated near the crest of the Coast Range, in the Pacheco pass. Three miles further south they found where he had discarded two well-worn gunny sacks, showing that Dunham had taken to this method of covering his feet again. On Sunday evening about 9 o'clock he came into town, and was seen by the officers and pursued by some of Miller's vagabonds who were encamped there, if he could sleep in the barn. Permission being given, he remained until 3 o'clock Monday morning and then departed, going south. Sheriff McAvoy of San Mateo county brought in the above intelligence.

Sheriff McAvoy of San Mateo county and Charles Gardner are on their way to the Little Panache valley, fifty miles south of Hollister, via the trail to Dunham if possible. The running order of the officers are still in Queen Silver. Dunham is evidently keeping so close to the crest of the Coast Range as possible, and it looks as if his objective point was Joaquin Murietta's famous fastness, the Cantua canyon, in whose recesses he can remain hiding indefinitely without fear of discovery. News of the murderer's whereabouts is being rapidly spread throughout the county, and large numbers of citizens have taken to the hills to hunt him. There is nothing to prevent him on the trail, according to reports, from emerging into the San Joaquin valley, as there are numerous roads and trails leading thereto.

A PIONEER DEAD.

A Member of the Original Bear Flag Party.

SANTA ROSA, June 3.—William Allison, one of the oldest pioneers of this county, died at the county hospital today. He was a native of Pennsylvania. He served under General Fremont, and was a member of the original Bear Flag party, which captured General Vallejo at Sonoma. Allison was one of the most noted men in this county at one time. He was a true friend character in the community, and all of the districts except the Fifth, condemn the national administration, but the committees and conventions were more conservative. The convention at one time attempted to prevent the Fifth district delegates from voting till the vote on credentials was adopted. Colonel Joseph Hickey of Missouri, member of the Bear Flag executive committee, has been conferring with Blackford Hill, who is the man it is said the convention believe them are not only pleasant, but also satisfactory.

John S. Rice, W. T. Elliot, and J. C. Stewart, Populist of Nevada, opposed the veto because he thought river and harbor improvements were meritorious.

Mr. Hawley supported the bill and pointed out its general features of merit.

"I am sorry to find the President dominated by this sad spirit of pessimism," said Mr. Hawley. "There is no need of denouncing the laws and rules of our people for their government. Millions of men are ready to lay down their lives for their country. I do not think the President of the United States might lightly make this remark."

Mr. Hill upheld the veto power, declaring that the fine distinctions and limitations which had been stated were in the brains of senators, but not in the constitution. Senator Hill had quoted Jacob R. Hall, who had predicted that Old Hickory himself incorporated the voting of river and harbor bill in 1832 interposed the first veto of such a measure.

In conclusion Mr. Hill offered a resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution providing that the President may veto a specific item of an appropriation bill without vetoing the entire bill.

Mr. Butler, Populist of North Carolina, spoke of the President's use of veto to influence legislation in election. This, with the veto power, made the President an autocrat more dangerous than a king of England could ever be.

Mr. Sherman desired to go on with the filled cheese-hill, but Mr. Vest objected, stating that he was tired of having this filled cheese hill thrust forward constantly. Mr. V. at last the bill could be defeated by a filibuster, but this would not be resorted to.

EDISON Building Burning.

LONDON, June 4.—A dispatch from Madrid says that General Martineau and General Borroto have been arrested on a charge of dealing. The general grew out of a dispute over the Cuban campaign. Neither of the generals was hurt.

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KENTUCKY DEMOCRATS

Ten to One for the White Metal.

BLACKBURN FOR PRESIDENT

The Name of Cleveland Missed When Mentioned by the Speakers.

LEXINGTON, Ky., June 3.—The drift of the Democratic state convention today has been to make Senator Blackburn President and General P. Watt Hardin, the defeated candidate for governor, his successor in the senate. The convention is ten to one for the 16 to 1 ratio. It was thought before the districts met that the gold standard men would get the gold standard men and give a solid delegation to Chicago for silver. An extended debate as to the cast of the delegation was participated in by Senator Quay, Bacon, Chandler and Tillman. Mr. Tillman spoke in his breezy style. He said he did not object to the law providing that all armor must be of American make, but he objected to the American concerns robbing the government. He called attention to whether those concerns could take the government and Congress by the throat. The vote on rejecting the Senate amendment limiting the price of armor would show the power of these "armor robbers." He declared that the investigation of armor frauds two years ago was shifted into the senate in order to kill it. "Have we attorneys here?" asked Mr. Tillman, looking around the senate. "Have we lobby here? Have we senators interested in seeing these contracts given out? I only ask the question, so I don't know."

A vote on Mr. Quay's motion was not reached, but an agreement was made to vote at 11 o'clock tomorrow.

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BROADER POLICY NEEDED.

In vetoing the river and harbor bill

Cleveland says very little about the legitimate excuse he had for the action.

The lack of revenue is the only reason

for cutting off appropriations for such

needed public improvements, and the

worrying reference of the veto to paternalism

is the merest demagogic twaddle.

Every government owes it to itself to

develop and perfect its natural resources,

but according to the Cleveland idea such

a course is paternalistic, and ought to be

discouraged, because people who are en-

gaged in commerce will profit by it.

Such an idea establishes a platform

upon which to found the ancient and

honorable order of Dry Rot. It would

put an effectual prohibition on national

prosperity and establish perpetual stagna-

tion.

What this country stands in most

pressing need of at the present juncture is

an increase of revenue and a liberal ex-

penditure for public improvements; the

opening up to internal commerce of all

waterways that may be made naviga-

ble, the improvement of harbors, where

justified by the volume of public business,

and the building of a navy that will

command the respectful consideration of

the aggressive powers of the earth.

Such a policy would not only serve to

facilitate and promote business, but it

would bring employment where en-

forced idleness exists, and would sup-

plant stagnation and consequent dis-

content with activity and a more che-

rful public sentiment. It is a policy

which should be inaugurated and ag-

gressively carried forward at the earliest

possible time. That time, as a matter

of course, will not arrive until Grover

Cleveland has vacated the Presidential

chair.

A CONGRESSMAN asks the REPUBLICANS

what will be the result in California if

the Democratic convention declares for

silver and the Republicans for gold.

California would probably go for pro-

tection in any event, but in the immin-

ent event referred to the state would

be on the doubtful list. If the Repub-

lican convention does not make the in-

tention to the party clear to bring about

a speedy return to the double standard

and the coinage of American silver at a

fixed ratio it will jeopardize the chances

of the party in many Western states

that would be overwhelmingly Repub-

lican under other conditions. The

chances, as a matter of course, would

still be in favor of the Republican ticket

in the West, but the result would be

certainly doubtful.

The Democratic state convention will

exhibit political wisdom by electing

George E. Church a delegate to the na-

tional convention. In one respect Mr.

Church is like Senator David B. Hill.

He is a Democrat. Cleveland may come

and bonds may flow; conditions and

parties may change, but Colonal Church

is unchangeable. The convention at

Chicago may split, but Mr. Church will

not. If both the gold and silver fac-

tions bolt and leave the convention hall,

Mr. Church will remain and represent

the party of Jefferson, Jackson and

Grover Cleveland. He is the kind of a

man that is needed in the emergency to

come out at Chicago next month.

There is doubtless plenty of foundation

for the Courier-Journal's prediction

that Kentucky will be a Republican

state for many years to come, but there

is not the slightest occasion for the jaded

language it uses in that connection. It

will be a good thing for Kentucky, and

that ought to satisfy the Blue Grass

journal.

THE SELMA HUNDRED THOUSAND club

has appointed a committee to confer

with the San Joaquin Electric Company

with a view to securing an extension of

the power and light system to that

town. Selma is wideawake and is going

to keep her place in the procession well

towards the front.

THE POPULISTS and Democrats appear

to be in the ring this time for a fight to

a finish, both parties fully realizing that

their future depends on the result this

fall. The former drew first blood in the

Oregon election, but that can hardly be

accepted as a guarantee of the final re-

sult.

MR. THOMAS PLATT seems to be the

last of the political bosses to realize that

the Republican party does not require a

gang of machine politicians to work out

its political course. His eyes are so blind

as those who will not see, the Platt eye-

sight is badly in need of attention.

THOUGH AN ERROR, an article entitled

"Get Off Your Stilts," which was pub-

lished in the REPUBLICAN, was credited

to the San Francisco Bee. It is almost

unnecessary to say that it should have

been credited to the Sacramento Bee.

DUNHAM, the San Jose band, is now

reported in the vicinity of the New Idria

mine. Quicksilver is expedition stuff,

but lead is the mineral with which his

pursuers would like to bring Dunham in

contact.

If the Democrats would nail a protec-

tion plank along with free silver timber

in their Chicago platform they would at

least have the satisfaction of knowing

that they were in the fight.

When it is remembered that Cleve-

land is the only Democratic President

since Buchanan nothing remarkable can

be found in that party's tired feelings.

SECRETARY CARLISLE need not bother

about that other letter explaining that

his declination to be a candidate is final.

It will be taken for granted.

ADMINISTRATION organs are getting

ready to pull the hole in after them.

The San Francisco Chronicle is in re-

ceipt of a long letter from J. E. Blan-

ter, the alleged murderer and robber,

stating that he is enroute to Cuba in hot

pursuit of the party who committed the

crime with which he is charged. In

this letter, Blanter says he will return

and face his accusers whether or not he

succeeds in capturing the guilty man,

as he can establish his own innocence.

Captain Lucas gives it as his opinion that

the letter was written by Blanter.

"Talking about dogs," remarked the

proprietor of the Cuban house, inter-

rupting an animated discussion of the

woman's strange question, which was

engaged in by a number of his patrons,

"I've got the smartest dog you ever

heard of and she is only a few months

old."

"She's the boy take the half of a

bitter of six kittens from the woodshed

and carry them to the ditch and drown them.

She took a dozen interest in the event,

and after the little fellows had

ceased to struggle and had sunk out of

sight he started back to the shore on a

good brisk trot, and before the boy got

back he had snatched carrying one of

the kittens in his mouth. Not only

was it a fine boy, but a very lively one.

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NOTABLE FAILURE.

BROWNING, DEAL & SON GO UNDER AND

THEIR GOODS COME TO FRENO.

On March 24th the well-known San

Francisco merchandising house of

Browning, Deal & Son closed its doors,

and subsequently their stock was sold

at prices lower than can possibly be

expected.

WHETHER IT WAS OF, little conse-

quence, for it proves nothing regarding

the guilt or innocence of the writer, and

given no important clue as to the present

whereabouts of the fugitive. The letter

is signed "J. E. Blanter, 1034 Main street,

Fresno, Calif." and dated "March 24th,

1896."

THE STATEMENT OF THE SAN FRANCISCO CHRONICLE IS IN RE-

CEIVED OF J. E. BLANTER, 1034 MAIN STREET,

FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, ON MARCH 24TH, 1896.

Says J. E. Blanter, "I am a citizen of

Fresno, and have been here for over

a year. I am engaged in the mercantile

business, and have a large amount of

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